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SUBJECT:CLIFFORD MISSION: LETTERS FROM PRESIDENT

VIENNA FOR CLIFFORD MISSION PARTY

1. FOR ATHENS: PLEASE DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOW-
ING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS IN
REPLY TO LATTER'S LETTER OF JANUARY 17 (STATE 23174.)
BEGIN TEXT:

"FEBRUARY 15, 1977

"DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 17 SETTING FORTH YOUR
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VIEWS ON THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY WITH
REFERENCE TO CYPRUS AND THE AEGEAN. I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR
THE CLEAR EXPOSITION OF YOUR THINKING AND CONCERNS.

"I FULLY APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR OUR URGENT ATTENTION TO
THE PROBLEMS YOU DISCUSS SINCE, AS YOU POINT OUT, THE DIF-

FERENCES BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY HAVE BROUGHT DIFFICULTIES FOR THE UNITED STATES AS WELL. I HOPE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND IF I DO NOT RESPOND AT THIS TIME TO EACH OF THE POINTS YOU MAKE. A REVIEW OF UNITED STATES POLICIES AS THEY RELATE TO GREECE, TURKEY AND CYPRUS IS NOW UNDER WAY AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. IN THAT CONNECTION, FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CLARK CLIFFORD WILL, AS YOU KNOW, SHORTLY UNDERTAKE A SPECIAL MISSION ON MY BEHALF TO THE AREA. HE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON ALL OF THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

"MR. CLIFFORD IS A MAN OF BROAD EXPERIENCE AND SOUND JUDGMENT, AND HAS MY COMPLETE CONFIDENCE. I WILL SEE MR. CLIFFORD SHORTLY AFTER HE RETURNS AND WILL BE PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN REACHING CONCLUSIONS ON FUTURE UNITED STATES POLICIES AS THEY RELATE TO THE AREA.

"IN CLOSING, I WANT TO ASSURE YOU AGAIN THAT THE UNITED STATES IS DETERMINED TO STRENGTHEN THE LONG-TIME FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES WHICH WE HAVE ENJOYED WITH GREECE. SECRETARY VANCE, MR. CLIFFORD AND I WILL DO ALL THAT WE POSSIBLY CAN TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.

"WITH VERY BEST REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER (SIGNATURE)

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"HIS EXCELLENCY
CONSTANTINE KARAMANLIS
PRIME MINISTER OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC" END TEXT.

2. FOR ANKARA: PLEASE DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL IN REPLY TO LATTER'S MESSAGE OF FEBRUARY 11 (STATE 33247.)
BEGIN TEXT:

"FEBRUARY 15, 1977

"DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF FEBRUARY 11 SETTING FORTH YOUR VIEWS ON THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF RESTORING THE SECURITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES.

"I FULLY SHARE YOUR DESIRE THAT EARLY ATTENTION BE GIVEN

TO FINDING WAYS TO IMPROVE AND RESTORE THE CLOSE SECURITY
TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES THAT HAVE SERVED BOTH OUR
NATIONS SO WELL FOR MORE THAN A GENERATION. THE FRIENDSHIP

BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES AND OUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE NORTH
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE HAS CLEARLY BEEN TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH
NATIONS. IT IS FOR ALL THESE REASONS THAT I HAVE ASKED
ONE OF MY MOST TRUSTED ADVISERS, FORMER SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE CLARK CLIFFORD, TO UNDERTAKE A SPECIAL MISSION ON
MY BEHALF TO THE AREA. MR. CLIFFORD IS A MAN OF BROAD
EXPERIENCE AND SOUND JUDGMENT. I HOPE YOU WILL SPEAK
FRANKLY WITH MR. CLIFFORD ABOUT YOUR CONCERNS AND THAT YOU
WILL ALSO DISCUSS WITH HIM HOW TOGETHER WE MIGHT WORK TO
RESTORE THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP.
I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MR.
CLIFFORD ON HIS RETURN.

"YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT SECRETARY VANCE, MR. CLIFFORD AND
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I AM DETERMINED TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO RESTORE WARM
AND FRIENDLY TIES OF MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN TURKEY AND
THE UNITED STATES.

"WITH VERY BEST REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER (SIGNATURE)

"HIS EXCELLENCY
SULEYMAN DEMIREL
PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY" END TEXT.

3. SIGNED ORIGINALS OF BOTH LETTERS BEING HAND CARRIED BY
CLIFFORD MISSION PARTY. PLEASE CONFIRM BY IMMEDIATE CABLE
WHEN LETTERS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED.

4. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THIS EX-
CHANGE OF MESSAGES BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF THE RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO.
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